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SUBJECT: IMCO: APPLICATION OF LIBERIA ON IMCO COUNCIL AND
MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

REF: A. MONROVIA 4816

B. STATE 176018

1. PRIOR RECEIPT REF B, AND AS STATED PARA 2 REF A WOULD BE
CASE, EMB HAD REPLIED GOL NOTE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
RECEIPT OF THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. 17416/2-14 CONCERNING
THE INTENTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP
ON THE COUNCIL AND THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO)
AT THE NOVEMBER 1973 IMCO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN LONDON,
AND REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FOR THESE CANDIDACIES.

THE EMBASSY HAS THE FURTHER HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY
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THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REQUEST FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR STUDY AND CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE MINISTRY WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DECISION WHEN RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. EMB BELIEVES DELIVERY GOL OF SECOND NOTE CONTAINING WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS NON-ANSWER RPT NON-ANSWER LIABLE PROVOKE MORE QUESTIONS FROM GOL THAN IT RESOLVES. EMB THEREFORE, IN ABSENCE RECEIPT INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY, DOES NOT PLAN DELIVER ADDITIONAL NOTE BASED ON REF B.

3. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE (AND WE ARE SURE GOL WOULD ALSO) CANDID RESPONSE ITS REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IMCO CANDIDACIES. IF USG UNABLE OFFER SUPPORT, DEPT. REQUESTED TRANSMIT GUIDELINES FOR NEGATIVE REPLY. IF DECISION ON USG SUPPORT NOT YET ARRIVED AT, PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DECISION EXPECTED BE REACHED.

4. COMMENT: THIS EMB IS FREQUENTLY CALLED UPON DO PRE-INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NOSE-COUNTING WITH FONMIN AND OTHER GOL AGENCIES. IN THIS INSTANCE GOL HAS MADE WHAT APPEARS TO BE LEGITIMATE AND SIMILAR REQUEST FOR OUR SUPPORT DESERVING OF RESPONSIVE REPLY. GOL MERELY ATTEMPTING LINE UP THE DUCKS AND WILLINGNESS OR UNWILLINGNESS USG SUPPORT MAY BE CRUCIAL ITS DETERMINATION GO AHEAD IN SEEKING COUNCIL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP OR TO DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATE STRATEGIES. EMB HOPES RESPONSIVE REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT, EITHER PRO OR CON WILL BE FORTHCOMING PRIOR IMCO LONDON CONFERENCE.
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